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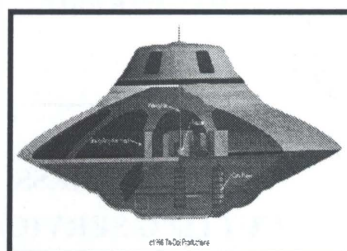
As I sit here typing up the newsletter, I am asking myself what have I left out... This past 2 months since the last newsletter has seen an explosion of events that have either involved SUFOG directly or indirectly in one way or another. We have been featured on the local radio, local press and our membership has seen a small increase in numbers, since these events.

Members in the group have been beavering away with sightings, skywatches and generally taking the pressure of yours truly. Our one day meeting 'Meet SUFOG 2000' is now well in the planning stage and we can announce in this newsletter that we have secured a speaker, who will be showing us some footage, that will make you sit up and listen.

It seems that on all our

recent sky watches, we have seen things and recorded things, that we have been unable to explain. The skywatch of the 19th May, was of no exception (See report in newsletter).

Our meeting on the 18th May left us somewhat bemused, with the talk of ghosts given by a group member, one of the members at the meeting had a 'burning' felling to change seats.. then on 4 occasions, the lights seemed to flicker.. 'Anyone there' we asked.. No came the reply It seems of late, members of SUFOG are becoming experiencers and not only experiencing 'UFO' sightings, but also we seem to be making 'contact' with others who may not also be on this planet, but somewhere else.... Where.. I don't know.. After recent



experiences when I have been with the group and not... I am personally wondering if I am only allowed to experience certain things at present and that someone or something is opening a door, that will lead me into some other kind of 'encounter'... Spooky... but I feel that I am ready for anything that is thrown at me.. literally.. and we are planning to have ghost nights in some of the locally 'Haunted' establishments. I have seen the light (see report on the 5th May 'encounter'), things are becoming much more clearer and with other group ventures, the futures looking bright.. The futures SUFOG...

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WHAT MILLENNIUM BUG ?

By Elaine Waite (UPN Investigations London)

In response to Ernie Sears article in the March / April edition of SUFOG.

As Ernie Sears rightly said in the last issue of SUFOG newsletter, "What is going on?"

Like the rest of you, I have known many a true friend play out the old year with doom and gloom, stock piling bottled water until it took over all of the garage and best part of the bedroom. At one point the local branch of Sainsburys were fighting off the shoppers as they were removing it from the shelves as fast as it was stocked up. The only other item that was being lifted at alarming knots were the toilet rolls (the mind boggles!). Remembering all those years ago, when someone found it highly amusing to spread a rumour that there was going to be a bread strike, so we all went out and stock piled. A week or so later this was followed by a toilet roll strike and a pepper strike (I mean how much pepper can you get through in one week?) Both vanished from our supermarkets for several weeks. We laughed and joked at what will be next ?

During the month of February (the party season long since past and the bug all but forgotten) the electricity began to flash and for a brief moment the bug reared it's ugly head in our minds. Before we had chance to draw a breath the neighbourhood was plunged into darkness, the streets were serenaded with the sound of house and business alarms going off and people tip toeing around in the dark wondering if they were going to get mugged putting out the cat ! This continued through the best part of February with the average power cut lasting about 30 - 60 minutes and happening at least 3 times a week. Usually at a time when you have a cake or Yorkshire pudding at the crucial stage of cooking or your washing just approaching a spin cycle.

March came and we suddenly took a deep breath, which wasn't a wise move as during the first few days of the month the umpteenth power cut occurred and this time it lasted 2.5 hours. Absolute chaos that caused, so what did they do before electric light was invented hey ? They survived that's what ! Two hours, no electricity and suddenly the entire population are in up roar and demanding that "They will get compensation for the inconvenience that this has caused". A brief lull during the month and then all hell breaks lose with power cuts this time lasting up to 5 days !

Electricity board states that over head lines have come down. WE DON'T HAVE OVERHEAD LINES IN THIS AREA OF LONDON ! So where the hell are we connected ?

On top of this the only "sighting" we have had (17/2/00) is over the school where I work in Southall. I was in the playground at the time with 30 children and the deputy head teacher. Without alarming the children I tried (in vain) to get the deputy's attention as three grey globes flew over **under** 2,000 ft, could he see them ? Could he hell as like ! And this is a person who could spot a foul on the football pitch at a distance of 3 miles, so he says ! So what does that tell us ? That only certain people can see these things and that

certain person is me ?

Then there was the Stock Market that had it's trading stopped only last week (Okay, so who had the Budweiser Screen Saver installed on their P. C ?) or who returned from a liquid lunch and tripped on a plug plummeting the business world into total chaos ? Who gets the blame, but the little "Millie Bug". Talk about pass the buck ! Yes, I know these so-called user-friendly P.C.'s have a problem with numbers (doh !) wasn't that why they were invented in the beginning to cope with numbers ? Let's face it, P.C.'s started life as up-graded calculators in the beginning, so who is getting a fat cheque and not doing their job properly now ?

It is far easy to blame the "Millie Bug" for everything that goes wrong in our working and personal lives but some people are getting away with it !

At school the other day I had to reprimand a child who was obviously up on computers (a potential hacker of the future !) who managed to wipe out an entire year groups work plus the practice SATS papers for the Spring examinations. On questioning that child was told that his computer that he was using had "Millie Bug" problems and that he was putting things right. He is 8 years of age and far from being one of our brighter children !

I personally feel that a lot of the most recent computer problems are really down to human error but if there is a way to cover your back side these days, it is to blame someone or something else, hence the panic with the New Year bug.

The only people who have done any good out of all this are the "Cottage Industries" and candle makers of this country. Christmas 1999 was the year of the candle, regardless of what colour or fragrance you wanted, if they didn't have it in the shops they could get it for you ! Who else, like me now has a large stock under the stairs that will probably not see the light of day until the next power workers strike ?

Nostradamus too has a lot to answer for. Look at the chaos he has caused in the last few years. Suddenly the entire world starts taking an interest in the prophecies of a man who was renowned for doing "the hard stuff". trouble is not one person yet has managed to translate what he said accurately, so I would not take too much notice of what he predicts for the year 2012. It will probably sail by just like the Summer of 1999 which is where the hype for the "Millie Bug" started to take shape.

I don't know what's going on anymore than Ernie does but what I do know is, the whole world is going crazy. Emotions are high which must be altering the consciousness of the entire planet. We all need to chill out before we combust the planet and become dust particles, like the ones that infected our planet and gave us all flu in the recent epidemic. Who knows we may have snorted our interstellar neighbours who too have just gone through what we are going through now !

Edward Ashpole (Letter 21st June 1994)

The ETH of UFOlogy & SETI Science.

I know that some UFOlogists discount the extraterrestrial hypothesis (the ETH), and it may be that the majority of unexplained cases have non-extraterrestrial causes. Yet that doesn't rule out the ETH. The strength of this hypothesis is that it is compatible with the background science of SETI (search for extraterrestrial intelligence) in which radio astronomers and computer scientists are searching for broadcasts from other world civilisations.

It's very important to emphasise that the ETH of UFOlogy has the same scientific base as astronomical SETI. And everyone interested in the ETH really needs to be aware of the relevant science that's on offer. SETI has become an established part of science, though a small part, during the past four decades, and now has its own section in the International Astronomical Union to prove it.

The point is that the most credible cases in UFOlogy, which indicate that flying saucers may have a physical reality, provide the sort of phenomena we should expect if the background science to SETI is roughly correct. But few people in the scientific community are even aware of this.

Meanwhile the SETI programs which are searching for broadcasts from other world civilisations continue to grow in technical power. That's fine, but its also desirable to test any scientific hypothesis in as many ways as possible, and especially so when one is trying to prove the universality of life, which is

what SETI is trying to do. Searching for alien broadcasts is only one way.

If other world civilisations have the technology to broadcast messages across interstellar space, then they may be equally able to send spacecraft to the Solar System. Spacecraft, if they reached their target, would at least provide a pay-off in terms of information. On the other hand, transmitting messages is a gamble. No one may be around at the right time with the right equipment and tuned into the right frequencies to receive your message and reply. But the ETH of UFOlogy has to be tested in a rigorously scientific manner, and so far very few people have tried to do this.

Edward Ashpole
(Author)

**Letter By Ernie Sears to Malcolm Prior
(Southampton Daily Echo) and James Millen of
Support Magazine...
5.5.2000.**

A rather desperate communication to you ! My telephone quit on me seven days ago and there have been daily promises from BT that it will be fixed 'today'... obviously it hasn't and their last answer to my query 'why' was that it is the peculiar 'weather conditions' that are causing an inundation of faults ! (inserted herewith is the undoubted huge thunderstorm of Saturday 6th that brought the fresh explanation.. since they'd promised 'I would be reconnected that same day... again !.. those severe conditions causing flooding etc meant delays in repairing faults.. in fact it was reconnected the next day, Sunday !).

So... all hell has been let loose since your splendid coverage in the Echo of April 26th and your rather prophetic if journalistic prophecy that Hampshire seems to be a 'top destination for uncanny visitors from other worlds' looks like being THE TRUTH ! Although "other worlds" might be changed to "other dimensions" ? There was, in fact, an unreported and not for general publication (ok for Rapport, James !) side effect to my lady driver to that incident, who I thought was very... remarkably !... quiet after we reached her home. It didn't surface for 3 days after we had corroboration of Andy Phillips sighting the next night. She told me she had kept back the sight of a small red car with two men in it that had 'suddenly appeared' behind us as we had left my

sighted object behind or wherever it vanished to. This vehicle disturbingly "tailgated" us, really really close, for some two hundred yards. My driver glancing in the wing mirrors every few seconds, until, with no exits anywhere either side, it just vanished.. leaving blackness behind. I didn't tell her... EITHER !... that her words sparked of a dim memory of looking in my mirror and seeing the same phenomenon although... weird !... I could have sworn it was on a subsequent night ! Make of it what you or Support members will !

Nearly two handfuls of supporting witnesses to my own sighting and that of Andy Phillips of the 7th and 8th of April have poured into the Southampton UFO group (SUFOG) investigators since then... not only similar objects over the Hamble to Romsey "UFO freeway" but for other occasions to boot. One young couple reported such travelling low over the Midanbury area, a Netley couple saw a very similar object which illuminated their glass-fronted door as far back as Boxing night 1999, 'pink with rays and two small white lights', observed, hovering silently, for over 3 minutes before speeding off, a gentleman, also from Netley Abbey, claimed to have the answer to the sightings as he'd seen the self same red / orange "globe" (or sideways on, "glowing cigar") travelling over Netley a month previously as he was walking his dog at 10.30 p.m. It was, he said, the BBC "balloon" ! Apart from the fact that my phone call to the BBC Unit involved revealed the balloon 'never flew at night and was mostly stashed away these days in a garage' somewhere, one is left wondering just what the gentleman DID see ? Another UFO ? or Southampton's resident unidentified flying object ? That somewhat facetious remark is inspired by my own SECOND sighting of the self same, same time, same place, as myself and my driver were returning from another of our

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...regular Sunday dances at Park Gate Legion on the 30th April! Once again I yelled out as we progressed down Hamble Lane towards our right turn to Netley : 'There's that brilliant red light again' ! The previous

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sequence of events then took place... from apparently hanging low over the Hamble to Calshot coastline the huge object just vanished as we drew nearer. My driver asked if we should pull in ? I didn't see the point. "It" had again vanished. I wondered, as we drove on home, whether I was misinterpreting a fixed natural or man made object... I mean, same place, same time ? Could so many others be fooled ? Maybe I hoped I'd be mistaken ? Sixty odd years of UFO personal encounters and investigation all for nothing ?

Huh ! Aircrews, civilian and military, naval and other personnel, astronomers, even presidents, have reported these objects that perform aerobatics far removed from our planetary technology.. simply and basically put.

Immediate and subsequent events to this last incident said I could not be mistaken ! Suspend disbelief whole we enter the world of the paranormal... an area that modern quantum mechanics etc. have proved exist... interdimensional, the one part of the ALL !

Arriving home on that Sunday night I sat reading a UFO book, of course !... one of three that had "coincidentally" fallen into my hands at a SUFOG meeting a few weeks ago... a meeting which, for the first time, involved all seven attendees in what I call a "paranormal energy" and led to much hilarity at the physical effects ! Dear old Bill's hands broke out in red spots for all to see.. just as they did when he visited my home a year ago, quite disturbed him although I think he is getting used to his "reluctant paranormalist" role ! Those books were mentioned by their owner Steve Rider as part of his experiences... I leapt upon him as I'd been unable to get those very same books for a few years and felt they were essential for opening a door that's been ajar ! I sat at home reading... it was 11.59 I noticed as I looked at my TV clock.. which, oddly, was flashing on and off ! It had never done that before ! I quite often don't retire until gone midnight. I walked over to the set.. pushed the "coin in the slot" button. The display went to "00.00" and then onwards. Odd ! I looked at the small model Spitfire on top of the set, bought for me in kit form at Christmas and since constructed. (an association of my wartime RAF service) It had been stood on a largish brown envelope for some time... which had now vanished ! I was puzzled.. how had that happened, leaving the aircraft there apparently unmoved ? I peered around... ah.. there it was, on the floor behind the set. The situation became more odd as I realised the envelope

was one that had contained my last SUFOG magazine !

More was to come ! Next day I sat up in astonishment.. it takes a lot to do that !... while again reading, in my book, the story of an American lady, who, in the late 1960's, was an expert in the art of extra sensory perception or ESP. She had sat in on a meeting with NASA.. the "space" experts.. who were all discussing the "connection" between ESP and UFO's ! The USAF were also interested. Replacing cumbersome technology with instant THOUGHT seemed attractive... nowadays it would be called "mind control" ! The lady's name was Irene Lombardi. Wow ! Three years ago I got talking with a lady and her daughter at Southampton's Ocean Village while we were part of a crowd enjoying a jazz band on the quayside. She loved dancing... like me, to anything that could set the feet tapping or moving ! She came from Zurich, Switzerland, on a yearly visit to her family. we swapped details. We have since met once, and correspond spasmodically. Her name ? Why, Lombardi, of course ! NOT the ESP lady... but I am exploring the possibilities since she was married to an American in the past. "Coincidence".. of course !... that the same day we met the Echo carried a "Comment" article by yours truly on.. of course, UFO's ! Article on the ONLY page in that issue wrongly dated !

I read on over the Bank Holiday. The phone still dead ! Huh ! A second book, and a couple who claimed to have been abducted by "aliens" described the encounter during which period their phone quit on them ! A descriptive Americanism ! It took three days for the phone company to trace and reconnect. A Phenomenon, the author said, not uncommon to UFO experiencers ! "Coincidence", again, that I had Exactly the same phone problem in the early nineties for five days !

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As a well known comedian says 'there's more' ! Showing my driver friend she read on and exclaimed about another part of the phenomenon... where an abductee finds any companion left in a completely comatosed condition who knows NOTHING of the

incident. My friend had complained of a 'bad dream' the night of my last sighting but gave no details. NOW she compared the experience which had her eyes tightly shut and unable to open. This is part of that comatosed condition.

Having encountered this several times myself, both in the past and as recently as 1999, I understood it. Except I wasn't asleep !

The Echo closed with my words 'it can change your life'.

It can, it does, it has, and is still doing such. Hopefully for the better.. maybe a world paradigm change is somehow in the offing. A new but ancient form of inner consciousness ? Who would deny that our world, sadly, needs it ?

Perhaps, as your prognostication had it, Hampshire is up front and at the cutting edge of a spiritual / technological revolution. Only time, which is unchangeable and a constant "here and now" aspect of the paranormal, can tell. Perhaps, who knows, that somewhat unique planetary alignment has something to do with all that ? Or does that "world-wide" computer virus explanation in the news yesterday cover something more dramatic ?

Those books, by the way... bet you are hanging on every word !... are all by Ray Fowler and all involved abductee Betty Andreasson and, subsequently, Ray himself : "The Watchers" (1990) "The Watchers 2" (1995).. and "The Andreasson Legacy" (1997). My interest, determination, stems from my trio of EXACTLY the same experiences, 1978.. cognised as "weird dreams"... long before I bought or found Ray's first "The Andreasson Affair" (Published 1979).. especially those 'blue and gold rays' that penetrated every cell in our respective bodies ! Here in front of that huge glowing Phoenix... mine, in, of all things, what appeared to be a "church". apparently, I add, as I can only recall being sat up in bed, suddenly awake !

When Steve Rider offered to loan me the books at that SUFOG meeting, I waved my arms about and shouted 'another door opens' ! The group will vouch for that! That door HAS opened and I've gone right through where THE TRUTH lies exposed ! Or does it ? If one's mind is opened enough by you know who !

Sightings Report :

Saturday 29th April 2000.

Southall (West London) and also Bromley By Bow (East London). By Elaine Waite UPN Investigations (London).

It was such a beautiful day on Saturday that both Chris Martin and myself decided to do a sky watch from different sides of the Capital (unbeknown to each other). Mike Wray, one of my trusty directors and I were contemplating when to start when I suddenly realised that I had to go to the local shop as I had forgotten to purchase something of importance earlier in the day. Before we drove off I turned to Mike and said, "I wonder if 'they' will grant us three visits today" and off we went.

We were returning from the local shops only 20 minutes or so later when I screamed at Mike to stop the car as we were approaching a busy crossroad. In the sky in front of me I saw three very bright lights crossing beautiful clear blue sky (only the odd fluffy bit was around at the time). I peeled my face from the windscreen and Mike grabbed his binoculars from the back seat. By this time traffic had built up behind us and with one hand waving traffic round us we watch in amazement as the first light disappeared into the odd bit of cloud that happened to be there. We watched the remaining two lights, which appeared to be joined just hovering in the sky. Then Mike became excited as he announced that through binoculars it appeared to be a dumbbell object and it was rotating anticlockwise as it slowly moved across the sky. The time was 13.20 and we were only 2 minutes away from home. On returning home we made sketches and notes of what we had seen. Because it was travelling in an Easterly direction towards London, I telephoned Chris Martin but finding him out left a message on his answering machine.

At 14:56 a second object was seen travelling at speed from Southeast to East. The wind that day was blowing East to West so a balloon was ruled out immediately. The object was spherical with sharp edges yellow / grey in colour and at arms length would be similar.....

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At 15:30 a third object travelling East-Southeast was seen hovering around the edge of a cloud which was travelling Southeast-Northwest. It was very high up in

the atmosphere but was visible without binoculars. It disappeared into the cloud but never emerged as the cloud dissolved in the heat. Once the cloud had almost dissolved the object had disappeared completely. By teatime Chris was on the telephone and he appeared very excited. He had been out sky watching around the time we were looking and he was keen to hear what we had seen. When I started to talk dumbbell shapes he went into hyperdrive and said that he had shot footage an hour and a bit later of a dumbbell shaped object that crossed over the skies at Bromley By Bow in East London. Our other sightings that day seemed to go unnoticed, but we were pleased that what we had seen earlier in the day had been recorded on video in a different area of London.

Sunday night Chris e.mailed me and said that he had put word around about the video footage and our sighting report. We were wanted for a documentary that was being produced about the sightings over London and could / would I be prepared to be interviewed on camera in the studio about my sighting ?

Well that happened today (my debut T.V appearance). If more groups shared information like this instead of keeping it all to themselves, there would be more advancement in the field of research and the subject of UFOlogy would be taken more seriously. A pipe dream ? For the time being I think so.

I totally agree with Elaine with her last paragraph in this report. UFOlogists should share more information and not keep it close to their chests. What do you gain by keeping things locked away in your computer or your files... The simple answer.. nothing.. Just imagine it.. You see a UFO over Southampton and don't tell anyone else... This object is also spotted over 7 other areas in the United Kingdom... If these sightings were reported, then we could build some kind of plot as to the direction the object travelled, where it came from and where it went and maybe warn others that the 'object' was heading in their direction... As for 'PIPE DREAMS', well, the true UFOlogists have plenty of these ... 'Will we ever find the truth'... 'Will ET ever land'... 'Will we ever encounter ET in our life time'.. 'Is there such a thing as ET or is it all just in our minds'... PIPE DREAM's..... UFOlogy in my mind in the UK is in a stagnant state, not going anywhere and it is like minded people such as Elaine and myself to give UFOlogy a kick up the ass and to bring it into the 20th Century one way or another...

(Steve Gerrard - SUFOG Founder)

SUFOG DIARY - 2000..

15th June : Group Meeting

24th - 25th June : Avebury.

20th July : Group Meeting.

**21st September :
Group Meeting.**

23rd September : Skywatch.

19th October : Group Meeting.

19th October : AGM.

**21.st October :
Group open day.**

11th November : Skywatch.

**16th November :
Group Meeting.**

**16th December :
Christmas Meeting
and Food...**

Please contact the Editor before the above dates to confirm that the Sky Watch / Meeting are still going ahead. This is because Sky Watch's are likely to be cancelled / changed due to weather conditions, and other commitments that the editor is not aware of at the time of publication of the newsletter..



***YE OLDE NEWSPAPER
REVIEWS BY ERNIE
SEARS ESQ.***

Now then ! Looking back at SUFOG's last magazine issue it looks as if there were no cuttings available.. or maybe not worthy of inclusion. Shall we begin with the old..

NEWS OF THE WORLD then, dateline March 19th, has a 75 year old ex-cop's X files (it says !) using his police skills to probe UFO's. 'A genuine alien detective' to quote ! A confirmed sceptic until 1955 when he saw 'a fantastically bright light hovering outside his Hove, Sussex home which then came towards him at tremendous speed, getting higher and larger and completely silent'. The light surrounded an 'object'. No reports of aircraft in a later check. Of course not ! John Clarke is now representative for Quest International, 'Europe's largest independent UFO organisation'. He doesn't chat with phone callers.. 'the Government has secret listening stations which check for key words. People have been threatened, witnesses gone missing, information classified beyond top secret'. Well, there you go. Currently we see that the NOW has backed off publicising those NASA tapes.

PSYCHIC NEWS for 22nd April has a half page on Celebrity UFO sightings and rattles on about ex-president Jimmy Carter, film star Elke Sommer, Mohammed Ali, Elvis Presley, Dave Davies of The Kinks and Reg Presley of the Troggs. The article, by Phillip Solomon, suggests readers with similar experiences

might like to write to him or direct to Psychic News. Asking for trouble ?

THE TIMES of 26th April has a nice philosophical piece that should appeal to UFO experiencers who have become akin to NATURE via their experiences.. the Web Of Time, it says, A reason for Everything, A Strange Beauty, The Causes of Destiny, and such. All from a new book, The Spiritual Teachings of Marcus Aurelius, a tenner from Hodder and Stoughton, author Mark Forstater.

THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH of April 30th features a well illustrated article on No. 10's highly secret underground complex underneath Whitehall etc, refurbished, redesigned and equipped with modern technology complete with computers and surveillance cameras... 'for the safety of Britain's Leaders and their staff'. Well.. not surprising but food for thought ! Builders are required to sign the Official Secrets Act ! natch !

PSYCHIC NEWS again and this time (6th May) it's photo's of "spirit lights" at a spiritual meeting recorded on a digital camera. Caught my interest due to those controversial video's we have seen of those circular objects around the Space Shuttle, plus those "spheres" allegedly encountered in Ray Fowler's books on Betty Andreasson's abductions which Steve Rider has recently lent me. Followed by ... wait for it... another photo by the same man of dozens of similar spheres at Cyprus ancient sanctuaries in Psychic News for the 13th May. Betty Andreasson being an excellent artiste drew the objects which the "aliens" told her were information gatherers and knowledge dispensers and possessed "intelligence". "Hmm" I thought !

PSYCHIC NEWS for the 20th May has Prof. Richard Wiseman.. not an appropriate surname ?.. in his role of Ghost Hunter setting up gear at Hampton Court Palace for continual reported phenomena although he is noted for not believing in such things as the paranormal, including UFO's etc. We wait his findings... if any.. with bated nearly breath. Richard also says if he actually sees the the ghost of Katherine Howard he'll be the first to run out of the door ! Chicken ! SUFOG's own recent ghost hunters could tell him a thing or two !

SUNDAY TIMES for the 28th May sprung an interesting article by our own Astronomer Royal Martin Rees who 'doesn't rule out life in space' (WOW !) but reckons (he would !) aliens could be balloon like creatures (like "spheres" for instance ? hmm) or creatures the size of insects. The most to expect from such as Mars or Jupiter's moons, he says, are 'microscopic bugs'... NO, he didn't say "implants" but then he wouldn't KNOW about THOSE ! Other clangour's include

'failure to discover life would give us a pretext to boost our self esteem'... and 'stronger moves to cherish this "pale blue dot" in the cosmos'. Modest, isn't he ? How about cherishing our planet NOW while it is still there ? Still, he goes on to say there may well be many other universes with 'aliens around distant suns who know all the answers ?' An unending quest.

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH... hooray !... of the 31st May, does a half page on a sort of "exhibition" called "Witness"... 'something extraordinary' just off the Golbourne Road in West London, set in a dark part of the building with blue lights and shadowy shapes etc and... wait for it !... 600 microphones suspended from the ceiling, each crackling with the muffled sound of people speaking in half a dozen different languages ! But... but... as you place a microphone against your ear, accounts, very personal, of UFO sightings, abductions, medical experiments, etc, the time, place and date of each testimony noted ! 'Apparently genuine eye witness accounts' the organiser has collected over many years. Although Richard Dormont who wrote the article.. he was a 'firm non-believer'... concluded 'if all the people weren't lying, then what did they see ? My own personal opinion is what a LOVELY rebuttal, or even "weapon", to us against all those clever clogs and secrecy nerds who are doing nasty things... ostensibly against US but inevitably against themselves in a self destruct process. Worth knowing that "Witness" will be running at The Chapel, 92 Golborne Road, London, W10, until June 25th... Note : I rang Graham Birdsall at UFO Magazine and the Times newspaper ran an article on this in their Supplement already which Graham saw. All is not lost... pity we have to make do with way out kind of exposure but it still counts.

There you go, then... things are a humming, or going up and down as Steve G, says... again, since I believe in some form of.. what shall I say ?... "guidance"... as "control" is just a bit too strong for some... hopefully you'll take this on board from whatever viewpoint you have arrived at.

Ernie Sears...

CD ROM REVIEW

The UFO Files

By The

Woolwich UFO Research Group...

This review copy was kindly sent to your editor by Marc Bell of WUFORG, and Steve passed it on to me, Steve R, to review.

The UFO Files is a double CD ROM that is jam packed with fascinating information, not just on UFO's, but a variety of great subjects for you to browse at your leisure.

Here is a quick run through what you can find on the two CD's...

DATA CD :

As the title suggests this is where you can find files packed full of excellent information, including UFO's, Crop Circles, Pyramids, The Paranormal and even Dinosaur Extinction. Also on this CD are some great UFO pictures and audio along with some great fun stuff.

MOVIE CD :

Again the title says it all, packed with some great video clips that are presented in real Player, but mostly in Quick Time (which is included on the CD). If you want to see it try this CD. You will find Carlos Diaz, Chris Martin and much more.

After spending the past couple of weeks browsing this CD in my spare time, I have only this to say, **BUY IT !!!** It is well worth the money, see the advert in the newsletter for the price, and you will never get board with it. There is so much information on these two CD's it is most definitely a great tool for us UFOlogists. I can only praise Marc and WUFORG for the truly outstanding job they have done in putting this collection together. If you do decide to purchase a copy of The UFO Files, I hope you enjoy using it as much I have.

Reviewed by Steve Rider....



MAGAZINE REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

THE AUSTRALASIAN UFOLOGIST : looks and is impressive with it's Vol. 4. No.1. 2000 issue having a colourful and classy cover and contents to match. The magazine is enhanced by it's opportune buying out of Exposure Magazine and making good use of it although a potentially disastrous computer hacking which wiped out both software and data drives took some hard graft to get it back into print ! Pages of a Public Forum, a roundup of local and international news. Article disparaging 'I want to believe' alleged abductees and encouraging those seeking professional help interesting if theoretical. 1998 sighting of a "Bullet shaped" hovering UFO over power lines before speeding into invisibility gives food for thought. October 1999 UFO debate by University of New South Wales shows the seriousness of the subject in down under. During the debate Power Point software used by Prof. John Storey sought to dismiss the UFO enigma, but failed through apparent ignorance of the subject ! But could prove those NASA "ice crystals" were actually highly manoeuvrable life-forms not originating from Earth ! Early Australian UFOlogy in The Jarrold File by Bill Chalker. What Next on the ever changing UFO field by George Simpson. Part 6 of alien influences by Kev. Batten. Rex Gilroy's Unwritten History of Australia and those Pacific Pyramids. UFO threat to water supplies in the Guyra Mystery ! Much More ! \$6.95 Australian

dollars or equivalent.. From Earthlink Publishing, PO Box 805, Springwood, Queensland 4127, Australia. New to SUFOG so check it out.

OVNI : The May / June 2000 issue of Omar Fowler's Derbyshire based Phenomena Research Association magazine... 'latest Roswell witness report'.. the mystery remains with comments from Stanton Friedman. Twickenham April 25th Flying Triangle sighting, 150 feet across. Sheer coincidence that Twickenham was my birthplace ! Reports from Anthony James of EMUFORA covering USA and Canada, 'baffling' 1997 report from Ireland. Australia's "Bermuda Triangle" reports missing divers and planes with pilots too. Apparitions of "our lady of Light" at Zeiton in Egypt 1968 - 71. Tale Enders on back page interesting. Magazine £1, By-Monthly from 94 The Circle, Sinfen, Derby, DE24 9H.

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW : still going... if not as strong... according to editor Gordon Creighton's plea for help.. but still a well produced magazine, quarterly. The Spring 1999 and ditto Autumn 1999 are rare samples to review. Gordon still addicted to Djinns and the more sinister sides of demonology etc. but good articles by noteworthy people include Linda Moulton Howe's "Glimpses of Other Realities" book reviewed by Robert Girard, World Under Assault by Don Worley, Jorge Martin's UFO's Over Puerto Rico National Forest, that 'Giant Flying Triangle over Hull 1997' from Omar Fowler's OVNI magazine. Jorge Martin on those 'Alien' presence's in our sea's and photos thereby. Crop circles reminder, etc. etc. The other 1999 Flying Saucer Review has more, much more, from Jorge Martin that is really stunning... The True Nature of the "UFO Entities" by Gordon Creighton... paragraph headings include "Angels, Men, and Jinns !" a reprint from a 1983 Flying Saucer Review. A 1996 Brazilian pilot's very close encounter with an 'immense' silent and pyramid shaped "mothership" which lasted some 14 minutes of slow flight before a small craft emerged and the giant took off vertically at some 12,000 kilometres per hour. Control Tower staff confirmed the incident... which made sensational reporting in the media. How come we never got to read it here ? The Chilean case of the abducted soldier who aged five days in 15 minutes in 1977 before startled military friends. As the saying goes, much much more in FSR ! Four issues cost £15.00 including postage from The Editor, Flying Saucer Review Publications Ltd, PO Box 162, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP13 5DZ.

THE CEREOLOGIST appears thrice yearly now and the Summer and Autumn issues 1999 arrived here via

Steve for review... the Journal for Crop Circle Studies as it says. High Heat article is self explanatory I think, by David Perkins... Robert Lamont on Military or Medical Mind Control... a visit to the Rollright stones... Ron Jones on Stonehenge and its religious aspects... Two excellent pages of the latest formations... homage to the late Richard Andrews... survey of the complex Cuxton formation... Secrets of the Avebury Stones by Terence Meaden.. has he changed his weather theories then ?... Michael Green's critique of the 1991 hoaxing, a la Doug and Dave... illustrated article on voice figures and crop circles by Daniel Lobb, intriguing... photo gallery and all this and more in both issues excellent. If, like yours truly, you are not any sort of "expert" on formations, The cereologist at £3.50 for each of three issues per year is well worth trying... From Global Circle Research, Clements Farm, Wheatley, Bordon, Hampshire, GU35 9PA.

AWARENESS is the nicely packaged and produced pocket sized magazine of Contact International UFO Research and the Spring 2000 issue and has some interesting stuff as usual in it's 28 pages. Thoughtful Editorial by Geoff Ambler, enterprising enquiries (non productive !) to MoD ref. an alleged 18967 Flying Triangle crash and retrieval near Bicester, Oxon. I am getting used to MoD enquiries and other authorities whose X Files reply scenario is "deny everything" and from what knowledge I have, am, acquiring, can't blame them but they owe it to us ! Lionel Beer account of a huge... size of two Jumbo jets.. Flying Triangle flying slowly over Malta accompanied by two American Air Force jets (!) IN 1999 !, was quite startling if Stealthish ? Another Flying Triangle seen by many people on a beach at Northwest Cumbria in 1999. The main witness, Sharon Larkin of Cumbria UFO Research and Investigation sent in her sighting form but others she gave out were not returned... typical ! Reincarnation article by Malcolm Robinson. Much else... try PO Box 23, Wheatley, Oxon, OX3 1FL, subscription £9 for 4 or £14 for 8.

SKYWATCHERS from Cornwall UFO Research Group, issue 28, Spring 2000... CUFORG Chairman Dave Gilham video's UFO... featured in February 20th Sunday Independent and, so, far, no answers from RAF Mawgan who have a copy... only evasions ! Malcolm Robinson on that "No Defence Significance" standard MoD reply... did I not say,

earlier, 'Deny Everything ?' "Healing and other spiritual matters" by Sandra Holmes.. and why not ?... Science Journal "NATURE" reports we aren't descended from Neanderthals... surprise surprise.. although I know of exceptions ! Don't You ? Sighting reports from all over. 21 Witnesses see two landed motherships in USA during "Aliens and Spirits" Conference, Richard Boylan PhD. claims UFO and ET Egyptian Connection. Whatever happened to that "gold cap" they were going to put back on the Great Pyramid Millennium night ? More Millennium hype ? Or "Deny Everything ?" May 5th Planetary Doomsday didn't happen either... or did it ? intriguing back cover photo of very small aliens on Mars type planet.. more computer wizardry... but has the culprit hijacked Betty Andreasson's lot ? West Country humour (aarrgh !) in cartoon of aliens with the "wind !"... worth the £12.00 for quarterly issue or £2.00 each from 24 Carrine Road, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3XB.

UFO MAGAZINE is last but DEFINITELY not least, mainly due to the hunt for the May / June issue, finally with a copy in the backroom (!) of W.H. Smiths in Southampton. Thanks for offers from Davinia and Steve G. No, it hadn't gone bust, thank goodness, although the dreadful treatment, or lack of, that much promised NASA "Smoking Gun" stuff could have done it ! A stunning issue that draws attention (doesn't it ?) to our own local events whereby media and others draw a veil over it although we seem to have caught the right times ! My efforts in my capacity of Public Relations Officer would have been wasted had not "they" produced the promised sightings etc ! Get UFO Magazine's May / June issue if you can. Huge article by Jenny Randles significant ! Hard hitting editorial by Graham Birdsall. Conspiracy of Silence article by Graham and Russel Callaghan (reminds me, what happened to my negatives, Russel, last seen in October 1999 ?) Anomalous implants photo. The Laughlin, Nevada, Conference. Pilots and UFO's. Christopher Martin and his establishing contact routine... it had to come ! UFO's in Stateside politics... if they aren't

"in" you are "out" ! Phew... this issue is the TRUTH out there and will make waves in the media and defence and political quarters... why don't YOU disturb your local MP ? Good to read of those missing films on TV programmes. KNEW they were lying to me ! A truly splendid publication still leading the field, I reckon. Subscriptions £13.50 for 6 issues, Lloyds Bank Chambers, West Street, Ilkley, LS29 9DW, West Yorkshire. £2.50 each in the shops if you can find them !

at 3 p.m. of June..

(5) I announced that the group as of the 18th May 2000, had a healthy balance of £329.77 in the account and things were / are looking rosie..

(6) Andy Phillips suggested that we raised money for a local charity to get a bit more publicity.. but as someone at the meeting said, charity began at home and we should put the idea on the back burners and look at it in the future...

Group Meeting 8th May 2000

As ever, the group meeting was attended by the usual faces and it was nice to see a new face at the meeting. In all, 9 people attended the meeting and we raised £19.00. The room hire was £3.00 for the evening, giving the group a profit of £16.00.. This is great to see, as by the time we took the expenses out of our income for our previous meeting room, we were loosing around £6.00 per meeting.. Lets hope it keeps up, as it is nice to see the copper pot filling slowly. We had a number of points raised at the meeting as follows...

(1) Future skywatches.. If for any reason I am unable to make a skywatch date, it was decided that those others interested, should go ahead at the site in Grange Road, Netley and contact each other to make the arrangements. It seems that if I do not attend them, then they do not go ahead. So, to keep the continuity of the skywatches, we now have 3 sites, Cheesefoot Head, Grange Road and Portsdown Hill..

(2) we decided to upgrade our Web Site by paying £47 per year so we reach more people.

(3) We now produce our own group Badges, T-Shirts, Baseball Caps, Clocks and Fridge Magnets. A price list was agreed and is available from the editors address and a list will be sent out with the newsletter.

(4) The Avebury trip is going along fine, with 8 people going. If you wish to come along, then please ring me by the 20th June so a place can be reserved as we go on the 24th at 9 a.m and return on the 25th

(7) I told those at the meeting that I would not be able to make the June / July meeting and that Ernie Sears or Steve Rider will conduct the meeting. I WILL be at the meetings after all, but not until around 9.20 p.m..

The evening went well, and Steve Rider gave a talk about his experiences with ghosts. He showed us an array of photographs and played a couple of audio tapes. these tapes contained strange noises that were captured on ghost watches from closed rooms, where a tape recorder had been left in a room. The sound of things 'dragging' across the ground and other strange noises were recorded.. Spooky to say the least. A great talk..

Later on, Bill Smith suddenly jumped up and said 'I have to move, that fire is burning my back'... The strange thing was, that the 'Open' fire was not lit and there was no fire on behind him. Yet the person sat near him, felt cold and wished the heating was on... The lights in the room flickered 3 or 4 times and things were almost spooky in their happening. Steve Rider said it was nothing to do with him and Ernie looked around at us all and smiled... A great meeting and I must say it one of the best ones we have had in many a month... Thanks to those who attended and I hope to see you all again at the next meeting in June...

Steve Gerrard...

5th MAY 2000

I had been awake since 4.45 a.m., as I was working a 6 - 2 shift. After finishing work I decided to go home and to relax, as I was expecting to go on a skywatch that night.

So at home I decided to relax using a Self - hypnosis CD that I have for using against stress. I put the CD on and relaxed on my bed. The voice on the CD slowly put me into a state of deep relaxation. However, I was unable to totally relax. Because as soon as I reached a state of deep relaxation my heart rate shot up. So after completing the full run of the CD I decided to get up and carry on as usual.

I had the feeling that the cause of this strange effect was some kind of energy that was encompassing the world. It is possible that it was this experience that set the scene for what was to happen that night, even though the skywatch was called off.

I reached Steve's house at around 7:45 p.m.. The Cheesefoot Head skywatch had been called off as both of us had come down with colds. We spent the next couple of hours just discussing group matters and toying with the badge designs for the group.

At around 10:00 p.m. I asked Steve if he wanted to pop down to the hill at Westwood (behind the Mill House restaurant), to see if we would be able to see anything of the planet alignment. The little while that we spent here proved to be interesting. We observed a fast moving white light, which Steve was able to catch on video. The object was too bright to be a satellite, but could it have been MIR ? Before leaving the area we had observed that the Fawley flame was extremely bright, so we decided to check it out in relation to UFO sightings by Mr. Ernie Sears. We spent some time on foot observing Fawley and the flame from the vantage points that the possible UFO was observed from, and this explanation was looking likely (Note : this explanation might not be so easy now in the light of new information.). After making some video of the flame we decided to depart. After some discussion we both decided to take a trip into Victoria Park, just for a walk and a chat as neither of us had done anything like this there after dark. It was here that the evening really became interesting. The first thing that we noticed

was as we were passing by the chapel, we noticed a distinct chill come into the air. we walked on down to the waterfront where we spent most of the remainder of the night. While we were chatting away we both experienced flashes of light. These flashes of light were bright enough to be seen but had no discernible source, when you turned to see where it came from there was nothing to account for this. Although we had both seen them I did mention to Steve that I had observed them for sometime before he had seen his first.

These lights were similar to those I had experienced a few years before while doing Ghost watches at Netley Abbey. We also observed a light like a satellite that disappeared after passing by the plough constellation. As we left the park and were walking up toward the chapel we both heard something like talking. Then Steve observed a light, like a candle flame in the chapel tower, something which I did not see as I was not looking this way and cannot remember what I was looking at, which is in itself strange. At this point we were both beginning to feel a little unsettled so we decided it was time to leave. As we passed by the chapel again we both felt a chill and also experienced a feeling that is hard to describe but it develops in the pit of your stomach when you are around psychic energies, these feelings were very powerful and only subsided after we were far enough away from the chapel.

It is also worth noting that at many times that night we both had the feeling that we were being watched.

This night's excursion was in no way planned, as we had both been feeling unwell. It is possible that what happened did so because it was meant to ? I would also like to note that the flashes of light that we both experienced now seem to me to have been some sort of communication attempt or show by some out side force or intelligence.

There have been and will be more developments within the scope of this interesting experience that we both had. I think that it is only a matter of time before things really take off.

Steve Rider... (Or should it be 'SPOOKY RIDER'..)

19TH MAY 2000
A STRANGE NIGHT !!!
THE MYSTERY CONTINUES....

Location : Westwood Hill Top (The old council dump), Southampton and Victoria Park, Netley, Southampton...

This night was to prove as interesting as the previous time that Steve G and I had spent out but for slightly different reasons.

Steve G, Andy and I left from Steve G's house at around 9:15 p.m., and after a short stop for some refreshments by myself, we reached the Mill House Restaurant and awaited the arrival of our compatriots, Bill and Jean Smith.

We all made our way up to the vantage point that Steve G and I had used previously. It was from here that we observed a very strange event that was to be our only event of a skybound nature that night.

It was soon after we had started our nights watching that we observed the lights of an aeroplane travelling approximately up Southampton water. We also observed a slower moving light that eventually we all took to be a helicopter. The first strange thing to happen was that the original aeroplane that we had seen came back towards the slower moving object (helicopter ?), which was travelling up Southampton water. The aircraft, once reaching the position of the other object was then seen to circle the slower moving object as if it was 'checking it out'.

We all proceeded to watch the slower object as it travelled up Southampton water, eventually reaching a position at which it was hovering. The original aircraft again returned to a flight pattern that was on an intercept course, but it eventually flew off before getting too close to the other object. The hovering object then made a turn displaying a row of 4 - 5 bright golden lights. The object returned to a hovering position and descended below the tree line. We did not see the object again. I have said that the object was labelled a Helicopter (?), this is mainly because a red light was seen faintly upon the object with binoculars (10x50 power).

Apart from some satellite activity we saw

nothing more that night from this vantage point.

At midnight we all decided to move to Victoria Country Park. This was due solely to what was experienced previously by Steve G and myself. The same chill was experienced when passing the chapel but not quite as intense this time around. This time I had brought my small cassette recorder which I set-up on the right hand bench (as you look at the front of the chapel) and I left it



here to record for the 45 minutes of the cassette's single side length.

We all proceeded to stand at the same point as before, the old jetty facing the chapel. Although this time I did not experience any light flashes, I was drawn to look at the chapel for most of the time we were there and I, as did the others, felt that we were not alone. This feeling was like we were part of a big group (Steve Gerrard.... I agree with Steve Rider at this point and as stated previously in the newsletter, I felt as if I was walking towards the chapel, but looking through the eyes of someone else... Possibly a wounded soldier from World War 1.. I could see in front of me army and nurses uniforms, not a clear, sharp picture. I don't know if I was a 'wounded' soldier, more like a 'walking wounded soldier'... A voice kept saying 'Everything will be all right when you reach the chapel' - a female voice... as I entered the chapel entrance... everything went black...). After the 45 minutes were up and it was time to fetch my recorder, we decided at the same time to depart, as we were feeling a little unsettled. This fact was cemented for Steve G in two ways. As he was walking up towards the chapel, he had the experience of seeing the past through 'someone else's eye's', and on reaching the chapel, he was becoming more and more depressed. (Steve G... It must also be pointed out, that as we stood outside of the chapel, group member Bill Smith said 'Do you hear those voices'... He could hear people whispering around us, but I did not hear them at the time).....

As we left the park I talked to Steve G about what he had seen 'through someone else's eye's' and put it to him that this could well have been the case, but it



was also possible that he was viewing it because it was part of a previous life. This is an interesting notion and not one that everyone will share, but it is wise to have an open mind about these things.

I wondered why I had not experienced much this night. My feelings were that it was not required that I experienced that much on this occasion as the future holds much for me. I also felt that what Steve G experienced this night was something to help him open up to these kind of experiences. Because it is very likely that over the coming months our perceptions and experiences will be tested and increased to a new level. It is almost as if the up surge in activity around the area just lately is all part and parcel of something bigger and it is serving to help us to be prepared for what is to come.

Steve Rider....

A Few Bits from the TV and Radio in our area...

27th April 2000 : South City FM 107.8 Radio interviewed Andy Phillips and Ernie Sears concerning their recent UFO sightings and reports.. I am afraid if you blinked, then you would of missed the interview.. They did not have a chance to go into detail about their sightings as it was ... 'Hello, who are you, briefly explain what happened, good bye'.. Ernie was a bit peathed that the interview lasted for only around 5 minutes, but as the PRO, he did and Andy did a grand job. Although it did not spawn a mad rush of telephone calls, the group still got a good plug...

25th May 2000 : Wave 105 based at Fareham in Hampshire interviewed the man himself, group leader and master... (Oops getting a bit above my station there...) should be group leader and good egg. The interview lasted between 10 and 15 minutes and the presenter asked a few questions and I was able to give a good, clear reply. He asked interesting questions and

did not make one feel a Pratt !!! I was able to put over about recent cases and sightings, my own views on the UFO subject and I certainly got a good plug in for the group.. I received 2 phone calls from this interview with people wanting to join the group.. So who knows.. Two more new members in the future one hopes...

As for TV programs.. On the 24th April, ITV showed 'Close Encounters : Proof of Alien Contact'... I missed it, but members of the group didn't and taped it.. Strange though.. Listed as 70 mins long, it only ran for 45 minutes, and there was a break in the middle of the transmission of 2 - 3 minutes without explanation... and it appeared that they had cut some of the film out.. Then on the 26th May, The Science Fiction Channel on the Cable Network screened the same program. This time, I can confirm it was only 50 minutes long, with nothing cut from it... But... What a crap program... The opening interview with a film and UFO expert showed this glowing cigar passing behind a hill and rising the other side.. The so called expert 'This film was shot in Sweden'... WHAT !!! in fact it was shot in Stuttgart by a German lad.. And in fact this so called mother ship that the so-called expert called it, was in fact an advertising balloon (I have the German TV Program to prove it !!!).

The program went on to show the infamous 'Guardian' footage... As the presenter said... 'This footage shows '2' landed craft'... WHAT !!! .. Yes, the object on the right - an alleged landed UFO - the object on the left was either the grass on fire or 'landing flares' or something like this... If they are going to put a film about UFO's on the TV, then for gods sake, get your information right...

A good section by Dr. Roger Leir about 'Alien Implants' that have been removed from abductee's bodies and the results showed that they had an Extraterrestrial origin and not of this Earth !!

All in all a pretty poor program and one that I could easily pick holes in.

Steve Gerrard...

Impromptu Skywatch 5th May 2000...

Although our initial skywatch had been cancelled due to both myself and Steve Rider going down with colds, Steve decided to come round to my house so that we could cough and sneeze together. At around 22.15hrs we decided to go for a drive and look into Mr. Sears UFO Report (See SUFOG Sighting Update on page 18). At 22.25hrs we arrived at a vantage point in Grange Road in Netley to start our investigation. At 22.40hrs we sighted a fast moving, bright light that I managed to catch on video tape.. Possibly Mir... At 23.10hrs we drove down to the site of Ernie's alleged sighting and noticed that the Fawley flame (Fawley is the site of Esso's petrol plant and has towers to burn off the gases) and filmed it as a possible explanation to Ernie's sighting. At 23.45hrs, we drove to the Royal Victoria Country Park and walked to the Hospital / Chapel site in the park. As we walked past, we felt cold shivers, as if someone or something was watching us, a real unhappiness, an air of At around 00.30hrs we were stood on the old jetty where the wounded solders would come of the boats, when all around us, these bright flashes of lights appeared, like magnesium in brightness and suddenly they had gone, but there was no source. At 01.20 hrs, we started to walk back towards the old chapel, when, on looking up at the window that faced us, I saw a candle light, flickering away, suddenly, the light was 'snubbed' out and it was all in darkness. I said to Steve R, did you see that' and he said no he hadn't seen it.... As we walked past the chapel, the same feelings as expressed early took over us again until we had passed the chapel, our heart beats were racing away... Was someone there, watching us... it sure felt like it.. Once we had lost sight of the chapel, we returned to our normal selves and the experience had ended.... (Steve Gerrard)

Skywatch on the 19th May...

We decided again, to have the skywatch at the same site in Grange Road in Netley, as it 'felt right' and we were going to visit the chapel again. We arrived at the site at around 22.00hrs, Myself, Steve Rider, Andy, Bill and his wife Jean. As ever, it was a boisterous skywatch, laughing, joking and all the fun at the fair... Then, about 10 minutes after we arrived, a light appeared on the horizon.. I managed to video it for around 10 minutes... The strange thing was that

this light stopped, hovered, accelerated in the true UFO manner. Also, we noticed a second 'object' identified as a plane, circle around this 'hovering' UFO and fly off, and return again some 5 minutes later.. After being blinded by security lights from a house we overlooked and the Moon was full, bright and flooding the sky with light, we decided enough was enough and we headed off to the chapel. On approach to the chapel, it happened again, cold atmosphere, chills running down my body and again, that feeling of 'eyes' watching me, this again passed when we had passed by the chapel. Steve Rider placed a tape recorder outside of the chapel and I wait to see if anything was recorded. We all had our own feelings this night... here are mine...

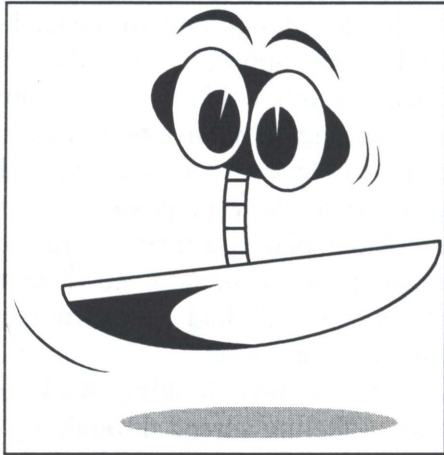
Whilst standing looking back up at the chapel, a feeling spread through my body and suddenly it was as if I was back in the Great War, wounded solders walking along with me, and nurses mingled amongst the wounded soles. I as looking up at the hospital (The chapel is all that is left of the hospital) chapel and walking (I think I was walking) towards this magnificent, large building. I was not sure if I was seeing this through my 'OWN' eyes or I was inside someone else's body... Something was dragging / pulling me towards that chapel and this 'wounded' soldier felt at ease walking with the others. as the doors to the chapel got closer and closer, the image started to fade and as the doors of the chapel passed behind, the image went suddenly jet black... That was it... I seemed to just 'JUMP' back into reality and I was stood there looking up at the chapel.

This probably sounds weird, silly, stupid to many of you reading this newsletter, but hand on heart, this happened to me and nothing like this had ever happened to me before and hopefully never again.

We left the park, and I felt that I had to get away from there as quickly as I could. Again, passing the chapel, the feelings of coldness, helplessness crept back and something felt as if it was tugging at the insides of me. We left the Park at around 02.00hrs and I for one, want to go back again, just to see if these 'Feelings' return again.... (Steve Gerrard)

SUFOG UFO Reports since the 8th April 2000...

What follows is a look at the sighting reports reported to the Southampton UFO Group following the sightings by Ernie Sears on the 7th of April and Andy Phillips sighting on the 8th April... (See the press cuttings at the end of the newsletter)..



Friday 7th April 2000 (11.30 p.m.) - Ernie Sears - Hamble Lane, Hamble... Round, orange object..

Saturday 8th April 2000 (6 p.m. - 9 p.m.) - Millbrook, Southampton.. Round, white object..

Saturday 8th April 2000 (10.45 p.m. - 11.30 p.m.) - Romsey - Round, orange object...

Saturday 8th April 2000 (11.30 p.m. - Midnight) - Romsey - Oblong, orange object..

Saturday 8th April 2000 (10 p.m. - 11 p.m.) - Chandlersford, Eastleigh - Lozenge, orange object..

Saturday 8th April 2000 (11.35 p.m.) - Andy Phillips - Oblong, orange object...

Friday 14th April 2000 (6.30 p.m. - 7 p.m.) Fair Oak, Eastleigh - 3 Lights in a row, low to ground.. (Witness questionnaire never returned for follow-up interviews etc.)

Wednesday 26th April 2000 (10.15 p.m.) Midanbury, Southampton - A row of 5 lights.

Thursday 27th April 2000 (8.35 p.m.) Romsey, a round, orange object...

6 Male Witness...

5 Female Witnesses...

3 Not Stated.

14 Witnesses in Total..

Number of reports by year...

1998 - 12 Reports.

1999 - 10 Reports.

2000 (Jan - May 31st) - 18 Reports.

Averaging 13 Reports per year as of June 1st 2000...

SUFOG Skywatch Sightings...
(Video Footage)..

18.3.2000 : Portsdown Hill, Portsmouth..
Light manoeuvring in sky...

1999 / 2000 : 2 other pieces of film received
by members of the public..

(The above pieces of footage are currently
undergoing computer analysis)

5th May 2000 - Grange Road, Netley :
Fast moving bright light..

19th May 2000 - Over Southampton Water :
Bright light being circled by an aircraft.

(The above 2 items are to be sent away in the
very near future computer analysis)

The Southampton UFO Group will be showing these pieces of footage and more on the 21st of October at our open day at Church Road Centre, Church Road, Woolston.. Tickets are £5 each and will be on sale as of the 1st July from the Editors address. Doors open at 9.30 a.m. and we start at 10 a.m. and the meeting will close at 4 p.m. with a special guest speaker to be announced soon.

THE M.I.B Column..

It has been a busy month for your friendly Man In Black. As you will no doubt be aware of elsewhere in this issue, and by the rather shameless advert below. But for your reading pleasure this month I have been made aware of something that came up where I work. I have not deleted the name of my work place so I hope that this is not going to get me into any trouble. So please enjoy this little anecdote..

I work for a company called Borden Chemical UK. A company that produces industrial resin, among other things. While at work on the 5th May, I was told a story that I thought you might all find interesting. An Irishman living in Glasgow had contacted Borden. The reason for this person contacting Borden was that he required a Thermos-setting resin. This is not in it's self unusual. However, what was unusual was its intended use. This person required this resin for use as a coating for a 'Flying Saucer' that he had designed to fly between Glasgow and London in 20 minutes. He also stated that the Russian Government was going to pay him £20 million for his design.

I do not know this person was for real or not. What is for sure is that he must have some knowledge of industrial resins because he stated that Epoxide resins were no good as they char at the high temperatures that he required the resin to be used under.

There is also an underlying factor that he may not be absolutely 100% for real as I was told that he was chatting on about how he thought that the people in Glasgow were racist toward him ?

So make of this story what you will. The only thing that I can tell you for sure is that it is 100% true. If, in the near future, I receive any update on this story, I will relate it to you in this column. So till next time. Keep looking and you will find the answers.

Steve.
The
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M.I.B

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This is a research paper that I have written after looking into the subject of Moon Anomalies for several months.

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AFTER the report (Echo, May 13) about the sightings of UFOs over the Netley/Hamble/Romsey area, I would agree with Ernie Sears and Andy Phillips that these visits are being made by beings from another world.

Like others, I believe that an international cover-up is keeping the public in the dark about alien intervention.

We have every right to know what is going on above us.

DAVID WILLIAMS,
local area officer,
UFO Network UK/Nationwide.

The above article is from the
Southampton Evening Echo dated 20th
May 2000.

The article below is taken from the
Southampton Evening Echo dated the
13th May 2000

UFO hopefuls scanning the skies

UFO SPOTTERS scanning the night skies over Hampshire have been inundated with reports of uncanny sightings after the Daily Echo highlighted two almost-identical incidents.

Last month Netley pensioner Ernie Sears and Southampton dad Andy Phillips both claimed to have seen a glowing light in the sky at almost exactly the same time, 24 hours apart.

The pair, who reported the mysterious light as slow-moving and vanishing within seconds, were convinced they had witnessed the visit of beings from another world.

Now people from across the area

have contacted the Southampton UFO group to log similar sightings over Hamble and Romsey at the same time.

Grandfather-of-two Ernie, 75, who has been a member of the 25-strong group for the past nine years, said: "All hell has been let loose since the coverage in the Echo. Nearly two handfuls of supporting witnesses to my own sighting and that of Andy Phillips have poured into the group's investigators since then, not only of similar objects over the Hamble to Romsey UFO freeway, but on other occasions as well."

Other sightings have also come to light since Ernie, of Ashburton

House, Rotary Court, appealed for witnesses including a light travelling low over Midanbury and a red/orange globe travelling over Netley itself.

A couple, also from Netley, reported seeing a low light illuminating their glass-front door for three minutes before speeding off.

And, after seeing the light for a second time over the Hamble to Calshot coastline, Ernie believes something of universal importance is afoot in the skies over Hampshire.

He said: "Perhaps Hampshire is at the cutting edge of a spiritual/technological revolution."

SOUTHAMPTON EVENING ECHO 13.5.2000.